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- 3. The system of claim 9, wherein the access device has a memory-mapped connection to the processing unit and a driver connected to both the memory-mapped connection and the external memory unit.
- 14. The system of claim 9, wherein the access device has an internal memory module-like connection connected to the processing unit through a memory bus, and a driver connected to both the internal memory module-like connection and the external memory unit.
- 15. The system of claim 9, wherein the external memory unit comprises:

  at least two access server devices, each connected to the access device of a host; and,
  a fault tolerant memory connected to each server device.
- 16. The system of claim 15, wherein the fault tolerant memory comprises a request server connected to the server devices.
- 17. The system of claim 16, further comprising:

two memory controllers connected to the request server, wherein each memory controller is connected to one or more memory banks.

## REMARKS

The examiner is respectfully requested to consider this preliminary amendment prior to examination of the application. No new matter has been added.

Please grant any required extensions of time and charge any fees due in connection with this request to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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